



THE STATE OF MERRILLVILLE

2017

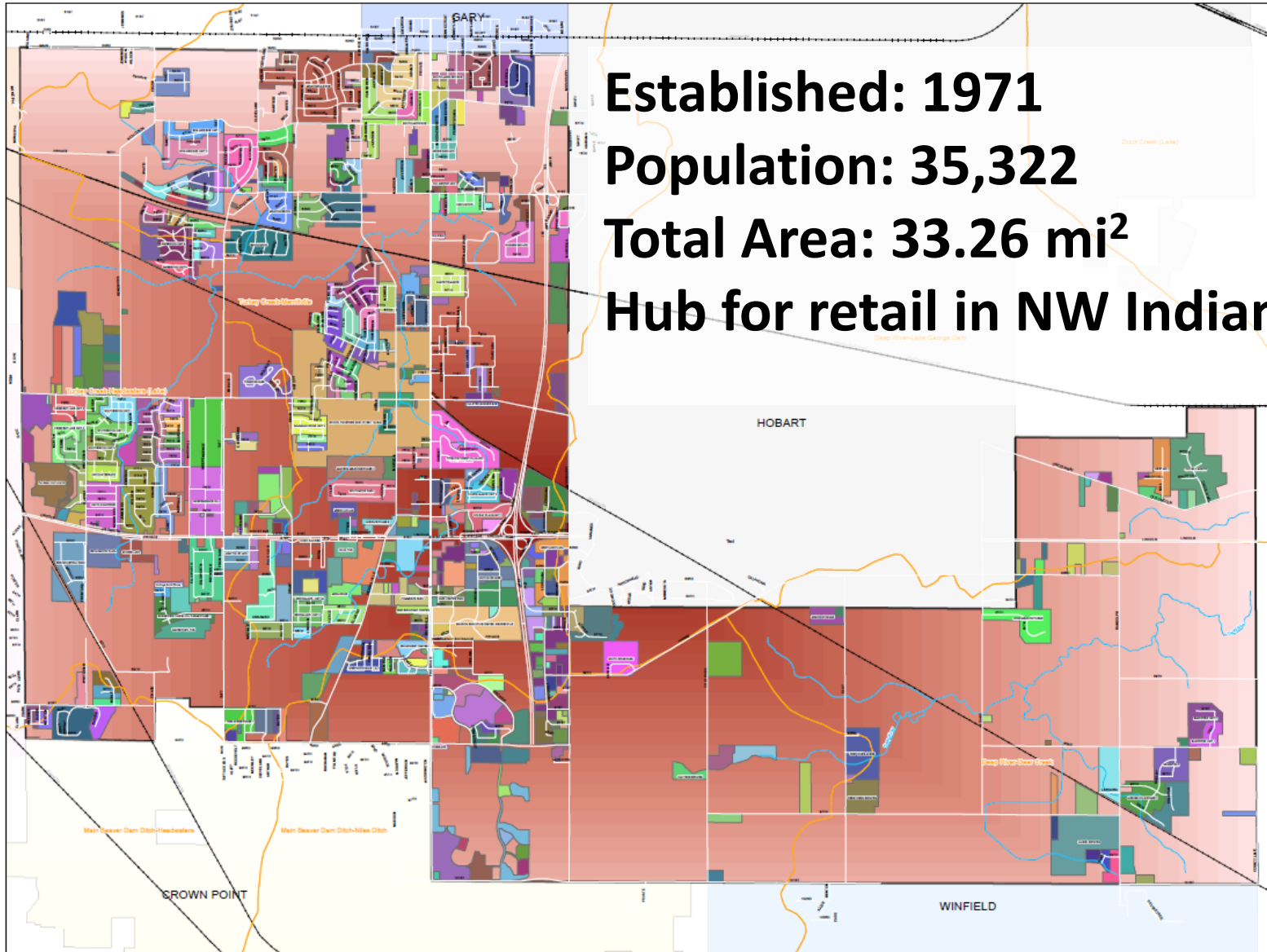


Indiana's Largest Town

CROSSROADS OF THE REGION



TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE



Established: 1971

Population: 35,322

Total Area: 33.26 mi²

Hub for retail in NW Indiana



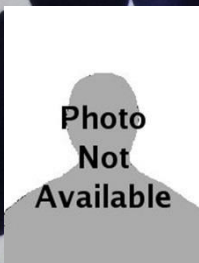
TOWN COUNCIL



Ward 1
Donald Spann



Ward 2
Richard Hardaway



Ward 3
Jeffrey Minchuk



Ward 4
Margaret Uzelac



Ward 5
Chrissy Barron



Ward 6
Shawn Pettit



Ward 7
Roxanne LaMarca

PLANNING & BUILDING



Bill Laird - Planning Director
Sheila Shine - Building Director

Economic Growth for the Region!





Construction Activity/Costs

- In 2016 the Merrillville Planning & Building Department issued 1,321 permits totaling \$93,820,046 estimated cost of construction.
- Commercial activity consisted of new buildings, interior/exterior remodels of businesses and parking lot improvements.
- Our business licensing within the town continues to grow.
- There were several properties that were blighted that have been improved.

Cost of Improvement = \$1 million



CVS/Fannie May
10 E. 81st Avenue

Cost of Improvement = \$1.4 million



Tom & Ed's Auto
8130 Taney Place

Cost of Improvement = \$850,000



Bob's Discount Furniture
1488 E 79th Avenue

Cost of Improvement = \$2.1 million



McAlister's Deli
8217 Broadway

Cost of Improvement = \$14 million



Belveder Supporting Living Community
343 E 90th Drive

Cost of Improvement = \$4.5 million



Ashley Furniture
1550 E Lincoln Hwy

Cost of Improvement = \$600,000



Starbucks
725 W. 81st Avenue

Cost of Improvement = \$875,000



Crew Carwash
SW Corner of US 30
& Merrillville Road

Cost of Improvement = \$1.75 million



Outback
1590 E Lincoln Hwy

Cost of Improvement = \$5 million



Polycon Industries
8919 Colorado Street

Cost of Improvement = \$950,000



**South Lake Pointe
1580 E. Lincoln Hwy.**

Cost of Improvement = \$3.5 million



Holiday Inn Express
8460 Mississippi Street

Cost of Improvement = \$4.4 million



Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio
Regional Carpenters
1560 E. 70th Court

Cost of Improvement = \$6.5 million



Indiana/Kentucky/ Ohio
Regional Carpenters
1565 E 70th Court

Cost of Improvement = \$ 5 million



Home 2 Hilton
8420 Indiana Street

Cost of Improvement = \$1.9 million



**Point Blank Gun Range
8600 Louisiana Street**

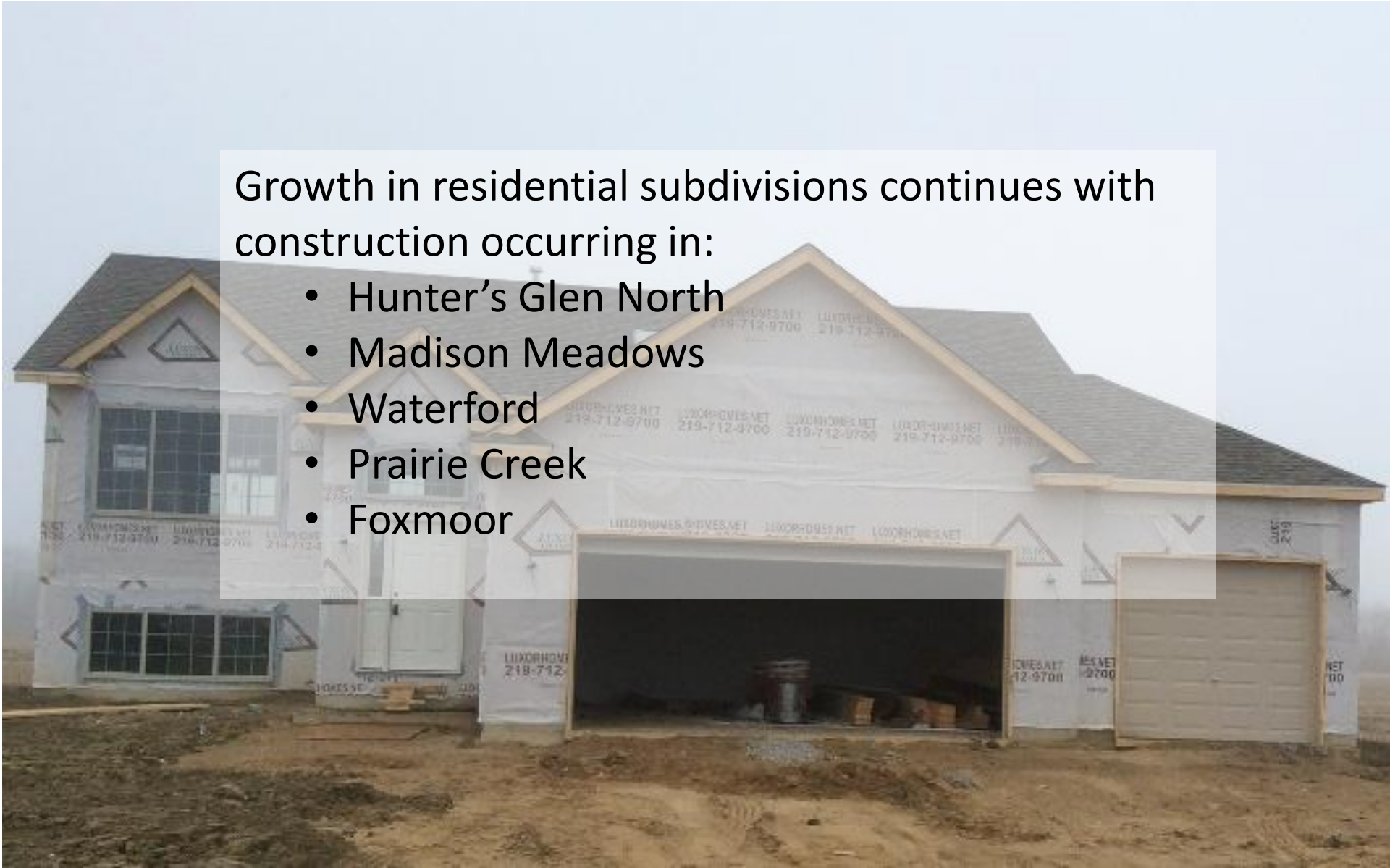


New Family Residential Development

Cost of Improvement = \$7.8 million

Growth in residential subdivisions continues with construction occurring in:

- Hunter's Glen North
- Madison Meadows
- Waterford
- Prairie Creek
- Foxmoor





Facade Grants



Ray's Movers
6490 Broadway

TROUP
EYEGLASSES

STORES
FOR RENT
312-332-4172

TOTAL
LIQUIDATION

EVERYTHING
MUST GO!

SAME DAY SERVICE

ALTERATIONS

STONE HOURS
12PM TO 5PM

TUESDAY -
SATURDAY

RELOCATING
TO

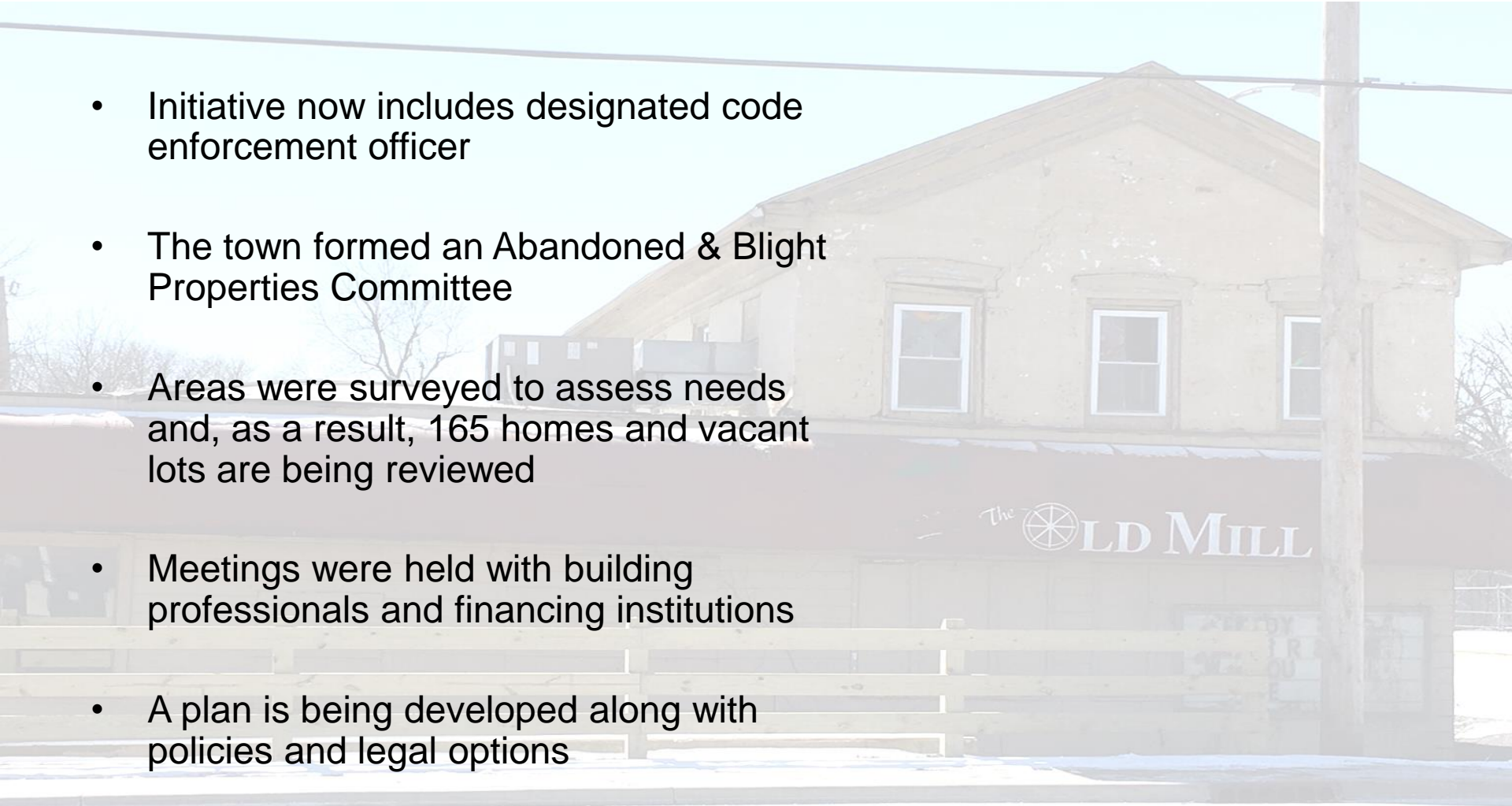
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SEWING
CENTER

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Fight the Blight Program

- Initiative now includes designated code enforcement officer
- The town formed an Abandoned & Blight Properties Committee
- Areas were surveyed to assess needs and, as a result, 165 homes and vacant lots are being reviewed
- Meetings were held with building professionals and financing institutions
- A plan is being developed along with policies and legal options





STORMWATER UTILITY



Matthew Lake, M.S., CPMSM - Executive Director

Every Drop Counts!



In September of 2008 we experienced 9 inches of rain in 48 hours...





Stormwater Master Plan

- Stormwater 20-Year Master Plan
- Conducted drainage studies for each sub-watershed area
- Identified and prioritized large scale capital improvement projects estimated **over 25 million dollars**
- Meadowdale Lateral Subwatershed - \$3,887,694.60
- Kaiser Ditch Subwatershed - \$8,357,638.80
- Chapel Manor Subwatershed - \$8,674,335.00
- North Central Turkey Creek Subwatershed - \$1,662,824.10
- Northeast Turkey Creek Subwatershed - \$2,328,060.00
- **TOTAL - \$24,910,552.50**

Land Use	TSS	TP	TKN	NH3-N	BOD	COD	Lead	Zinc	Cu
Commercial	1000	1.5	6.7	1.9	62	420	2.7	2.1	0.4
Parking Lot	400	0.7	5.1	2.0	47	270	0.8	0.8	0.04
High Density Residential	420	1.0	4.2	0.8	27	170	0.8	0.7	0.03
Medium Density Residential	190	0.5	2.5	0.5	13	72	0.2	0.2	0.14
Low Density Residential	10	0.04	0.03	0.02	NA	NA	0.01	0.04	0.01
Freeway/Interstate	880	0.9	7.9	1.5	NA	NA	4.5	2.1	0.37
Industrial	860	1.3	3.8	0.2	NA	NA	2.4	7.3	0.50
Park/Open Space	3	0.03	1.5	NA	NA	2.0	0.0	NA	NA
Construction	6000	80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Table 5. Typical Pollutant Loadings from Runoff by Urban Land Use (lbs/acre-yr). EPA, Honer et al, 1994

Stormwater Master Plan – August 2014



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Mr. Matthew Lake, M.S. – Executive Director
7404 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410

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Town of Merrillville

This Document Contains:

- Project Overview
- Study Delineation and Methodology
- Drainage Studies: Nine Subwatersheds
- Identification of Problem Areas
- Proposed Recommendations and Cost
 - Infrastructure
 - Water Quality Improvements
- Prioritization Matrix



Master Plan Project Summary

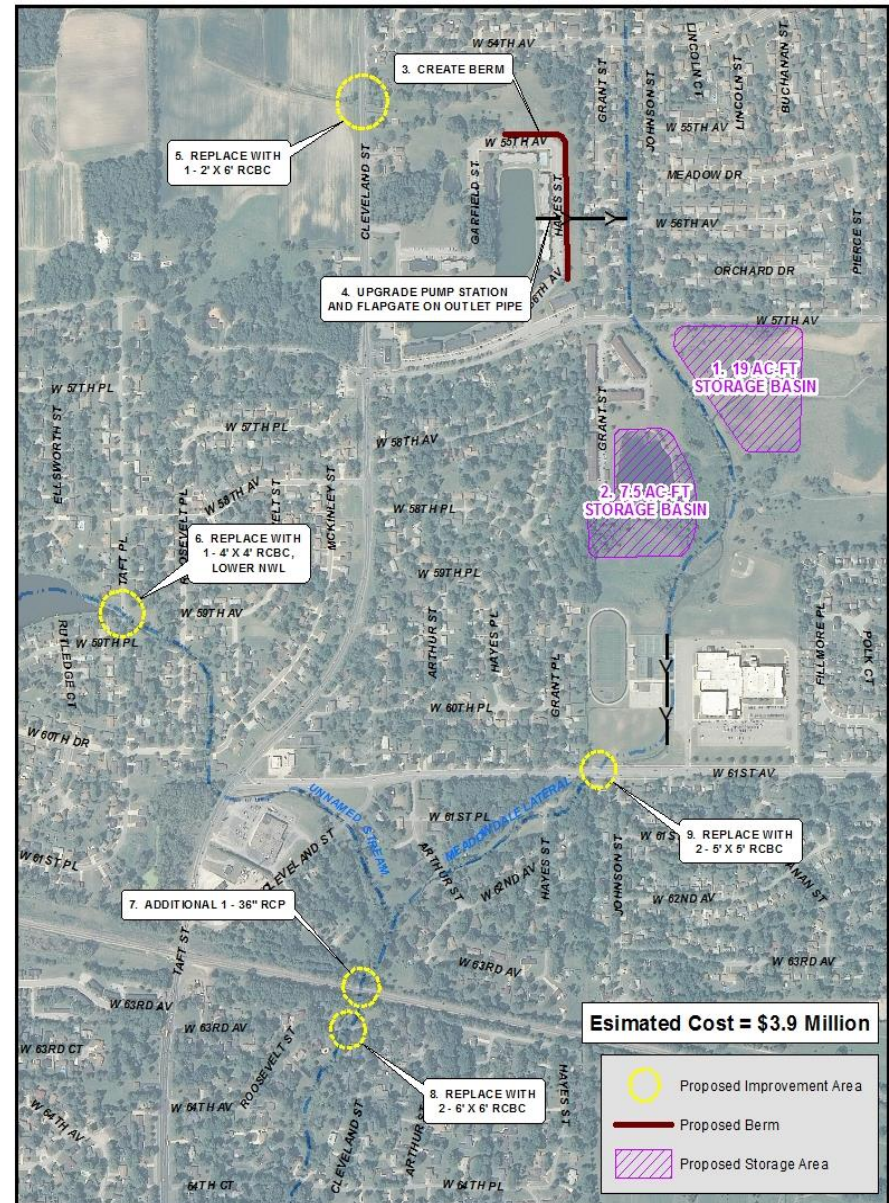
- Approximately 30 Projects
- Total Cost = \$25 to 35 million
- Structures Protected = 341
- Storage Created = 457 ac-ft
(149 million gallons)



Project Design

Five (5) projects associated with the Master Plan currently being designed:

- STORAGE BASIN 1 - Meadowdale
- STORAGE BASIN 2 - Meadowdale
- CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AT TAFT PLACE (Bon Aire Lake)
- CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE HWY 55
- DETENTION AREA EAST OF 56TH & GRANT





Stormwater Fee Increase



- Increased user fee by 80% to invest in new flood control infrastructure.
- Will generate approximately \$900,000 additional revenue.
- Revenue from a fee increase will primarily be applied to implement construction projects identified in the Merrillville Stormwater Master Plan.



Infrastructure Improvements & Maintenance

- Merrillville has over 6,000 inlets and over 800,000 feet of storm drains that are continuously maintained.
- We continue to invest in new infrastructure throughout the town to manage stormwater quantity & quality.





Ross Meadow Farms





Sunset Road – Phase 1





Meadowland - 53rd Court









Low Impact Development

- Merrillville is the only community in NW Indiana with Low Impact Development Standards
 - Requires more sustainable development to improve water quality and reduce quantity impacts

Rain Garden



Low Impact Development



Do Not Mow

Area designed with native wildflowers & grasses

- ✓ Filters stormwater runoff
- ✓ Recharges groundwater
- ✓ Provides wildlife habitat
- ✓ Reduces air emissions/carbon footprint



This project was completed in 2016 in partnership with the following:

 **PURDUE**
EXTENSION

 **LOCAL FACES**
COUNTLESS CONNECTIONS



 Lake County Soil & Water
Conservation District



LAKE COUNTY WORLD LIBRARY
RAIN GARDEN
This garden is designed to capture and filter stormwater runoff from the library building and surrounding parking lot. It features a variety of native plants and flowers that thrive in wet conditions. The garden is located in front of the library building, near the entrance.

Lake County Library



What is a Rain Garden?

Rain gardens are a mix of special soils and native plants that filter storm water run-off and reduce the amount of rain water that flows untreated into storm drains. Rain gardens also provide habitat for wildlife and add natural beauty.

CVS/Fannie May



Meadowland Manor - 54th Court



IBEW Electrical Union



Dollar Tree – 5840 Broadway



Family Dollar – 5377 Broadway

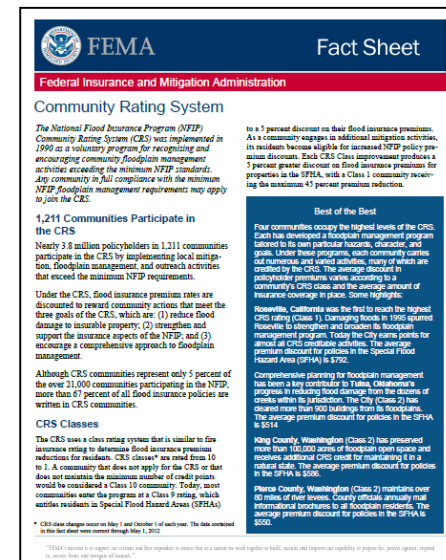


Stormwater Resource Center
7404 Broadway



FEMA Community Rating System

- Merrillville Stormwater Utility **ranked the best in the state** for the FEMA CRS program!
- One of only three communities ranked in Northwest Indiana
- Lowered flood insurance premiums for all flood insurance policies within the Town of Merrillville
 - 15% reduction for residents in special flood hazard areas
 - 5% reduction for all other properties
- Recognized for floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements





IDEM Clean Community

- Merrillville is an IDEM Clean Community
- Recognized for proactively managing environmental impacts associated with governmental operations



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Tree City USA



- Merrillville has been a designated Tree City USA for the past 6 years
- Arbor Day event provides opportunities for education and outreach activities that emphasize trees for aesthetics and stormwater

PUBLIC WORKS



Bruce Spires - Director
Kevin Markle - Street Superintendent

Paving the Way!

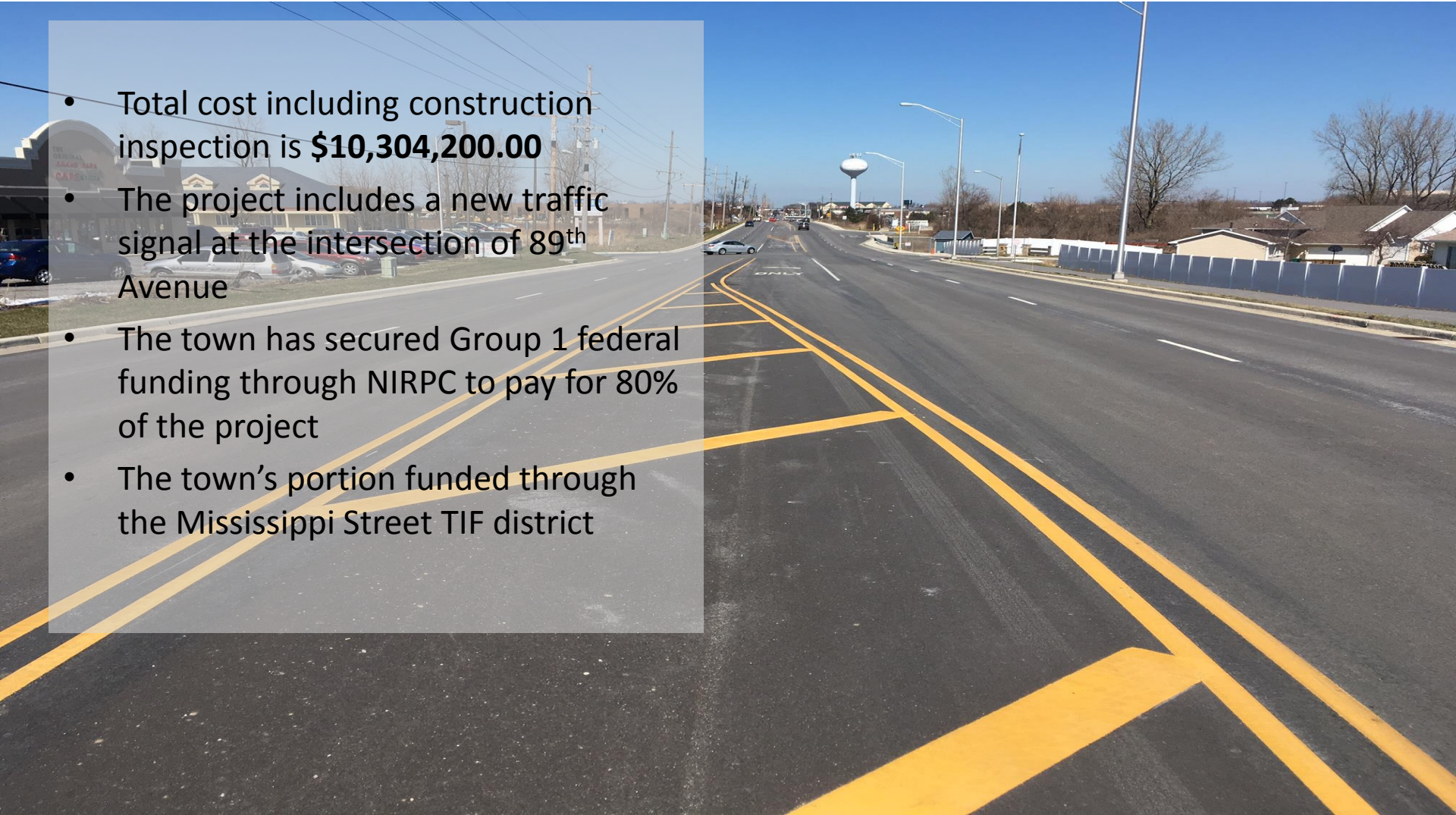




Mississippi Street Widening - Phase 1

(U.S. 30 to 93rd Avenue)

- Total cost including construction inspection is **\$10,304,200.00**
- The project includes a new traffic signal at the intersection of 89th Avenue
- The town has secured Group 1 federal funding through NIRPC to pay for 80% of the project
- The town's portion funded through the Mississippi Street TIF district





Madison Street

(73rd to 80th Place)

- Madison Street from 73rd Avenue to 80th Place was reconstructed and widened to mirror Merrillville Road south of U.S. 30
- Total construction cost =



C & O Trail Extension

(73rd to Mississippi)

- Extends from 73rd Avenue to Merrillville Road.
- Total construction =





NO
MOTOR
VEHICLES



71+55.50







POLICE DEPARTMENT




Joe Petruch - Chief

Protect and Serve!





Providing Protection

- 
- A large group of police officers in dark uniforms and caps are saluting with their right hands. They are standing in front of a light blue building. A young child is visible in the lower left foreground.
- Have a general operating fund of **\$5,074,332**
 - Currently have 54 full-time police officers
 - Purchased **10** new police cars (non-tax payer source)



Crime Statistics

- Robbery is down 44%
- Burglary for residence is down 21%
- Felony charges are down 48%
- Responded to 33,058 service calls in past year



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Ed Yerga - Chief

Keeping us Safe!





Investing in Safety

- Fire Department now has 14 full-time firefighters
- Improved Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating, which lowers insurance for all property owners
- In the process of having an Opticom® GPS System on 47 stoplights to improve response time by at least 25%
- Having more firefighters trained as medics to provide advanced life support (3 EMT-B, 3 EMT Paramedics)
- Maintains over \$6 million dollars worth of apparatus



Ambulance Service

- New 3-year contract with Superior Ambulance Service
- Must respond to all calls within six(6) minutes





FD Headquarters Renovation Project

24 W. 73rd Avenue



- \$600,000 investment.
- The building was originally built in 1879 as the First Methodist Church.
- In 1958 it became the Merrillville Fire Station until the new station was built next door in 1981.
- In an effort to preserve the history of the building, the new look incorporates the old look of the fire station on the front, and some features from the original church such as the high arched windows on each side.

PARKS



Jan Orlich - Director

Activities for All!



Parks & Recreation Brochure

MERRILLVILLE PARKS & RECREATION FALL/WINTER 2016-2017



Merrillville Parks & Recreation
Pruzin Community Center
5750 Tyler Street
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 980-5911 office
(219) 980-0928 fax



www.merrillville.in.gov/departments/parks_and_recreation
www.facebook.com/MerrillvilleParksandRecreation





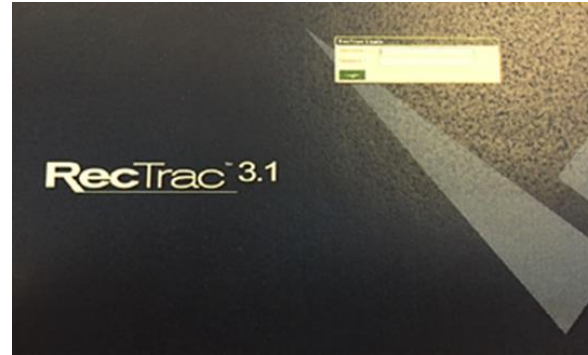
Park and Playground Renovations

- There are 15 public parks in Merrillville.
- Renovations include new equipment, surfacing and ADA improvements.
- Improvements will continue until all Merrillville parks are renovated.



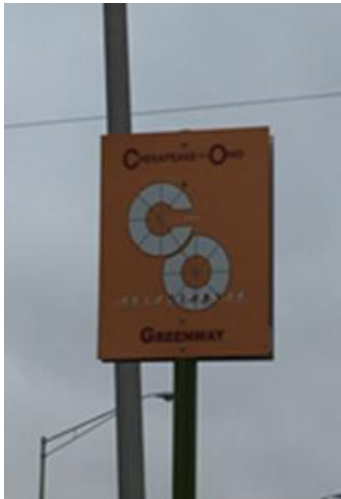
Programming

- Residents can now register for park programs from the convenience of their home, office or smart phone through the new RecTrac software.
- Programming options are constantly changing to meet the need of Merrillville residents.
- Senior programming has increased and now offers luncheons, day trips, overnight trips, nutrition & educational classes.
- Adult exercise classes have also experienced an increase in popularity.



Trail System

- Merrillville has the longest contiguous trail in Northwest Indiana - Erie Lakawanna Trail (17.7 miles)
- Phase 2 of the C&O Greenway now extends from Broadway & I-65 to Mississippi Street connecting to a prominent shopping area with several restaurants



Erie-Lakawanna Trail

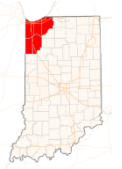


TOWN MANAGEMENT



Bruce Spires - Town Manager

Smart Growth in the Region!





Marketing for New Growth

- Updated Website
- Business Locator Map
- Electronic Billboard
- Town Newsletters
- Ordinances



A screenshot of the Merrillville town website. The header features a banner image of a statue in a park with the text 'THE TOWN OF Merrillville WELCOMES YOU'. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: Government, Departments, Residents, Visitors, Business, I Want To, and a Search bar. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has links for Latest News, Municipal Code, and FAQs. The right column has links for Calendar, Document Center, Meeting Minutes, and Video. The main content area displays two news items. The first is 'ROAD CLOSURE' about West 73rd Avenue, dated 4-14-15 and 4-16-15. The second is 'STORMWATER UTILITY DISPLAY RAIN BARREL PAINTED BY ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS', dated 4-21-15 and 4-22-15. There is also a 'Share this Site' section with a social media icon. At the bottom, there is a 'Contact Us' section with the town's address, phone, and fax numbers. The footer includes a 'View All' link.

THE TOWN OF
Merrillville
WELCOMES YOU

Government Departments Residents Visitors Business I Want To Search...

Latest News
Municipal Code
FAQs

Calendar
Document Center
Meeting Minutes
Video

ROAD CLOSURE
West 73rd Avenue between Broadway & Madison Street will be closed to west bound traffic beginning Wednesday, April 1st for approximately 60 days due to road reconstruction. Motorists are encouraged to use 68th Place or 80th Place as alternate routes.
4-14-15
4-16-15

STORMWATER UTILITY DISPLAY RAIN BARREL PAINTED BY ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
See our [Photo Gallery](#) for pictures of the rain barrel!
Read More
4-21-15
4-22-15

STORMWATER OFFICE LAUNCHES 2015 RAIN BARREL PROGRAM – ORDER YOURS TODAY!
The deadline for mail orders is April 24th, and the deadline for online credit card orders is April 28th.
Read More
View All

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Town of Merrillville
7820 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410
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Fax: 219.756.6170



Merrillville

Welcome To

...the town that works for You!



TREE CITY USA.
Arbor Day Foundation

6 Years



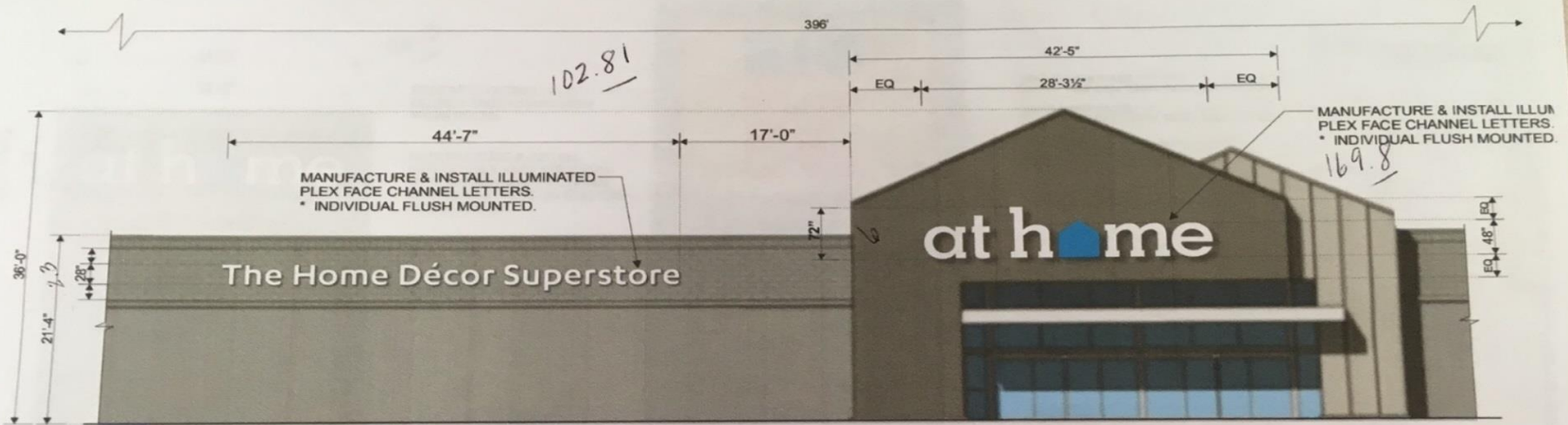
INDIANA
CLEAN
COMMUNITY



More economic development anticipated for this year! *"THE TOWN THAT WORKS FOR YOU"*

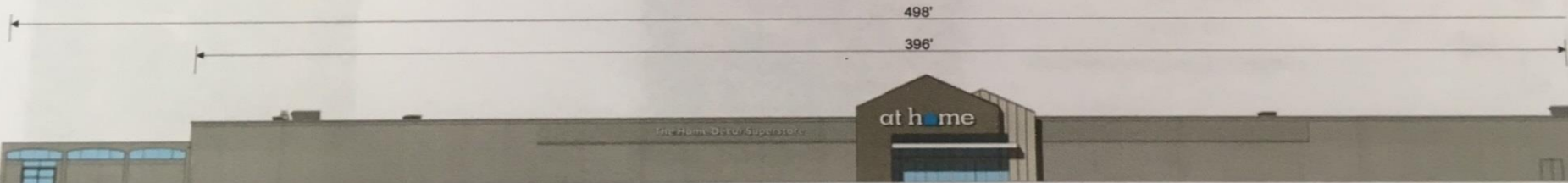


At Home Superstore



PARTIAL NORTH ELEVATION - STOREFRONT

Scale: 3/32" = 1'-0"



FULL NORTH ELEVATION

REVISIONS	NAME	AUTHORIZATION	CLIENT	AT HOME	STORE #
			101 LINCOLN HWY.	MERRILLVILLE, IN	
			DESIGNER KN	ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE MDF	
			DATE 16-293	SHEET 3 OF 4	DESIGN # 16-293
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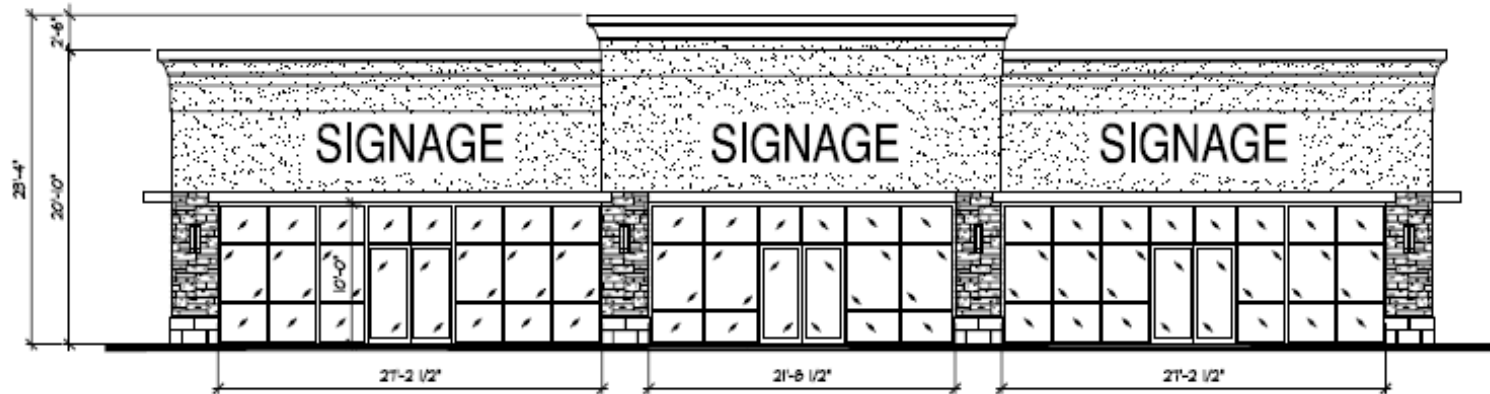


Bell Tower West

Bell Tower West
Merrillville, Indiana

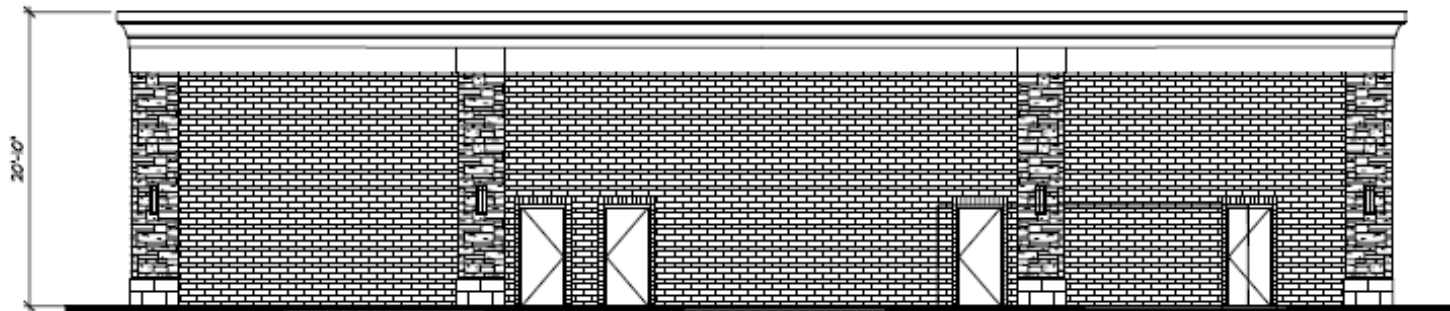


Southlake Pointe – Lot 2



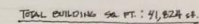
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BUFFALOVILLE PROPERTIES

500 BUILDING = CONCEPT SKETCH =

MICHAEL STANULA - ARCAHIBRET
1/10/17



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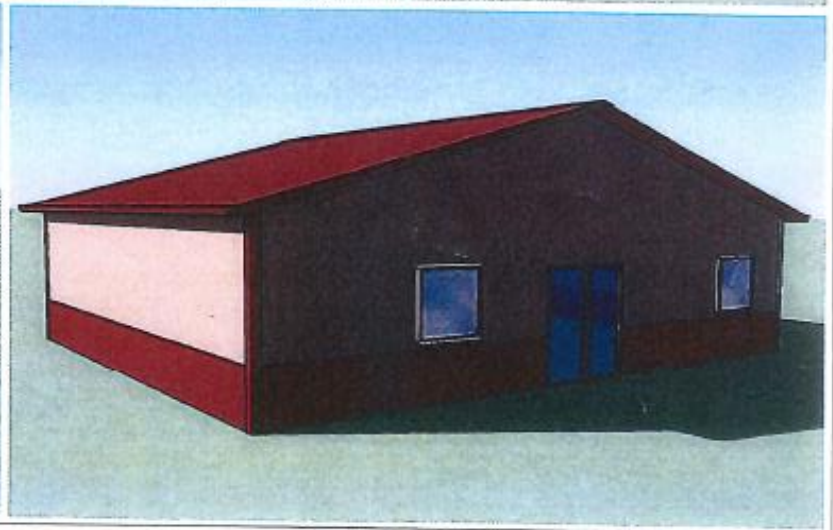
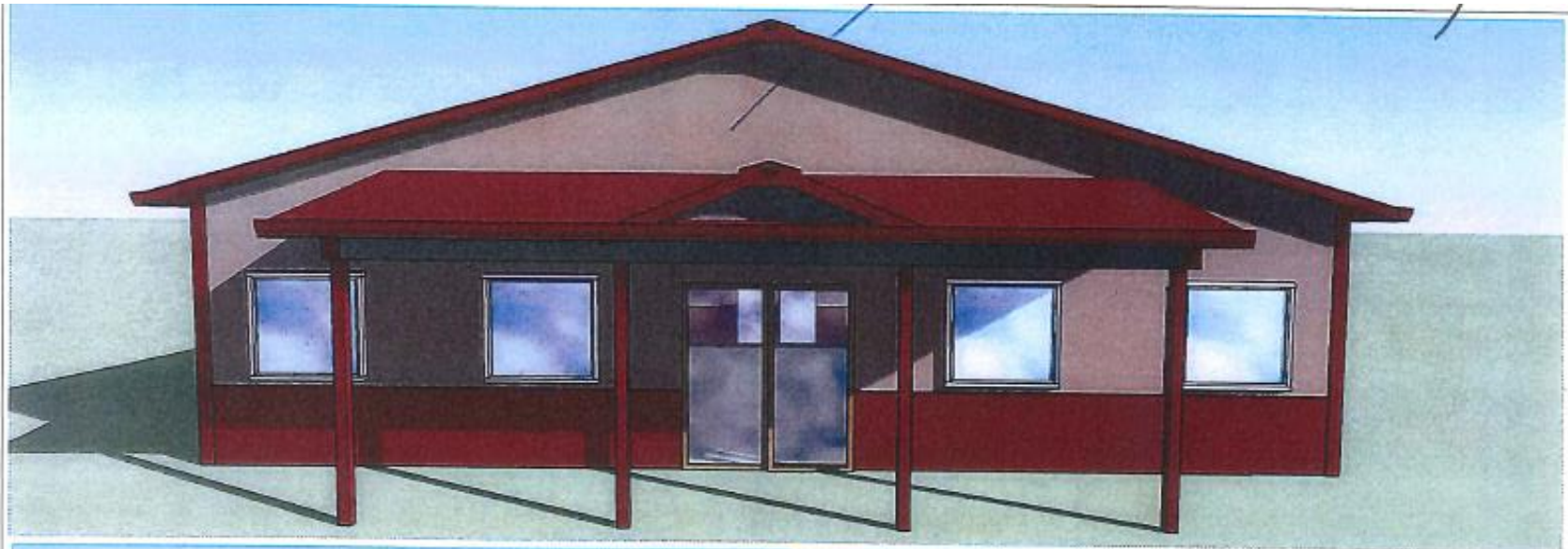
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WEST ELEVATION
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- FLASHING NOTES**
1. **REPLACE THE TIE RODS AT 50,000 KILOMETERS (30,000 MILES) AND AT LOCATIONS INDICATED ON THE CHARTS.**
 2. **MAINTAIN TIGHTENING TORQUE OF 50 KILONEWTON METERS (36.7 FOOT POUNDS) ON ALL TIE RODS EXCEPT THOSE WITH "ADJUST" BOLTS.**
 3. **LOCATIONS OF BALL JOINTS AND SHOCKS**
 4. **SHOCK RODS OF ALL PLUGS AT SHOCKS AND BUSH ENDS AND AT BALL**
 5. **SHOCK TOP OF ALL BALL JOINTS OF**

Paul's Auto Yard



Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Project Approval: _____
 Title Approval: _____
 Drawing #: _____

Paul's Auto Yard
 6530 Broadway
 Merrillville, IN, 46410

3D View

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 FBI Buildings, Inc.
 3023 W 1000 S
 Remington, IN 47977
 219-261-2157
 www.fbibuildings.com

Date: 03/30/17
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 Rev: 5

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 THESE DRAWINGS
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REVIEW
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 for construction.

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hawthorn, Illinois 60440
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Crown Point, Indiana

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Pipefitters Local Union
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Pipefitters
TRAINING CENTER LOCAL 597

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